

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-23 have been added by the present amendment.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species A1 illustrated in Fig. 5; and

Species A2 illustrated in Fig. 6.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species A1, illustrated in Figure 5, without traverse. Further, claims 1-6 and 10-17 are directed to the elected species.

In addition, new claims 19-23 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and Applicant respectfully submit the new claims are fully supported by the originally-filed specification (see Figures 4 and 5, for example). It is also respectfully submitted the new claims read on the elected species.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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